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SUBJECT: **UPDATE OF RELEASE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR BLACK
INFANT HEALTH PROGRAM SERVICES**

This is in follow-up to the February 23, 2010 memo regarding the release of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Black Infant Health Program (BIH), which is administered by the Department of Public Health's (DPH) Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Programs (MCAH). The RFP, originally scheduled to be released on March 8, 2010, was structured according to the new BIH programmatic model released by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

However, CDPH recently notified MCAH that the new BIH model could not be implemented until the model had been piloted and ultimately approved. As a result, this RFP will not be released. Instead, MCAH will release a revised RFP that reflects the current BIH model in April or May 2010 to select qualified agencies.

The current five BIH agreements will end June 30, 2010 and will not be renewed. An RFP to provide similar services is necessary because of the reduction of the BIH funds from \$1.75 million per year to \$575,713 for the upcoming fiscal year. Under this funding reduction, BIH services will be limited in geographic scope as services will only be available in areas with the highest number/percent of perinatal risk indicators. These areas are South Bay, South Los Angeles, and the Antelope Valley and are identified by zip code in the attached document. In addition, the amount of funding will allow DPH to fund only one or two agreements for the provision of BIH services.

In the meantime, MCAH will continue to work closely with the current BIH service providers to implement a transition plan for their BIH clients.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know or contact Cynthia A. Harding at (213) 637-6400.

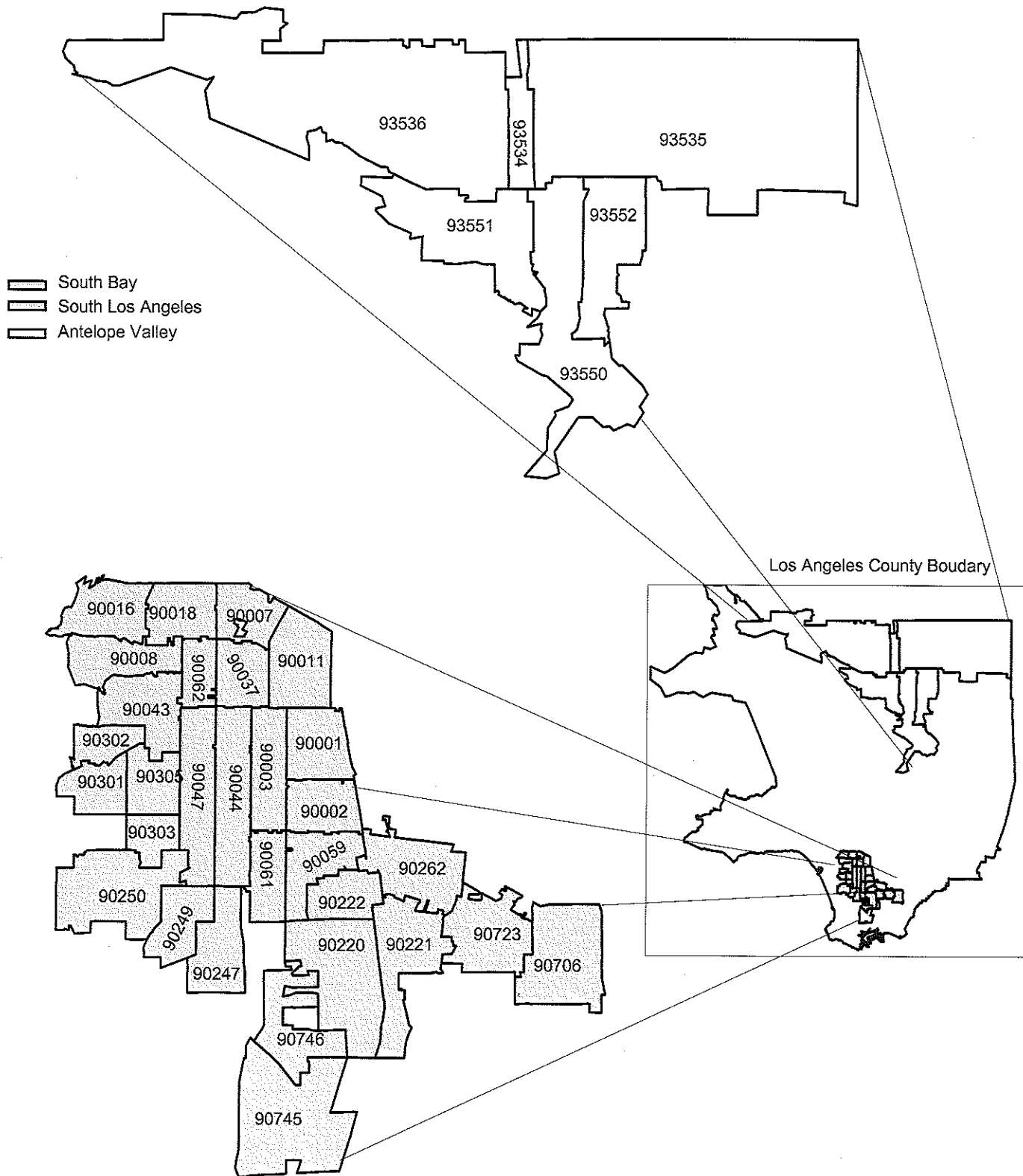
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Black Infant Health (BIH)

Targeted Zip Code Map



Los Angeles County zip code boundaries as of April 2007